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SUBJECT: SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN DISCUSSIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE
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1. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED US MAR 29 THEY HAVE SET UP
MEETING WITH V. P. SUSLOV THIS WEEK AT WHICH GROUP OF DFA
OFFICERS WILL MEET WITH SUSLOV AND SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS FOR
GENERAL REVIEW OF SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS. DFA FEELS SURE
THAT INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE IS ONE OF SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE RAISED,
THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SOVIET ATTITUDE
ON IOPZ. WE WILL REVIEW MATTER WITH DFA AFTER SUSLOV VISIT.

2. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, SPEAKING ON TV
PROGRAM MAR 29, COMMENTED THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION SEEMED TO BE
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ACTING IN ENCOURAGING WAY IN RESPONDING TO AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTIONS

FOR RESTRAINT IN NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN. HE SAID AUSTRALIA
WANTED TO STOP A NAVAL ARMS RACE IN INDIAN OCEAN. HE ADDED IT
WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR AUSTRALIA TO PASS UP ANY OPPORTUNITY TO
ENCOURAGE OR URGE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION TO COME TO SOME ARMS
LIMITATION AGREEMENT AFFECTING INDIAN OCEAN, NOW THAT SUEZ CANAL
WILL SOON BE REOPENED.

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